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                     Poti  
                     2. Photographs of Naval Vessels

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Port of Batumi

1. Four fast subchasers similar to vessels of the ARTILLERIST and KRONSHADT Classes were moored in the port. They were radar-equipped and were armed with 76 mm guns and depth charges. (See attached photograph No. 7, which gives a silhouette view of a vessel probably of the KRONSHADT Class.)
2. A small naval yard was located on the right as one entered the port. Repair work was done here and vessels up to 1,000 tons could be constructed.

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## Port of Tuapse

3. There were two shipyards at Tuapse. In the eastern part of the port, there was a small industrial shipyard which repaired fishing vessels and constructed pontoons, barges, and oil lighters suitable for river navigation.
4. In the western part of the port, there was a naval shipyard.<sup>1</sup> Equipment at the yard was limited. No dry docks or floating dry docks were in existence or under construction. There was a building slip, on which two 1,500-ton river steamboats were under construction, one behind the other. These vessels had such large superstructures that from a distance it looked as if the hull of a small aircraft carrier were under construction. Work was proceeding slowly, chiefly because of shortage of labor.
5. The quay was being extended on either side of the shipyard just described, and cement mixers and other pieces of construction machinery were in operation. Work was also in progress to repair war damage.
6. [redacted] Tuapse, three submarines [redacted] SHCH Class [redacted] were moored in the port. Each submarine was about 70 meters long. There were also three modern destroyers [redacted] in the port. The submarines were constantly performing exercises and engaging in combined operations with

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aircraft, anti-submarine motor patrol vessels, coastal searchlight units, and mobile ground radar units.

7. Attached photographs Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, taken some distance outside of the port, show motor patrol vessels and a submarine underway outside the port, and give a good panoramic view of the port and surrounding coastal area.

Naval Maneuvers near Poti

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a naval formation consisting of one light cruiser, three destroyers, two small submarines, and a group of motor patrol vessels were observed undergoing maneuvers. The motor patrol vessels appeared to be in contact with a submerged submarine.

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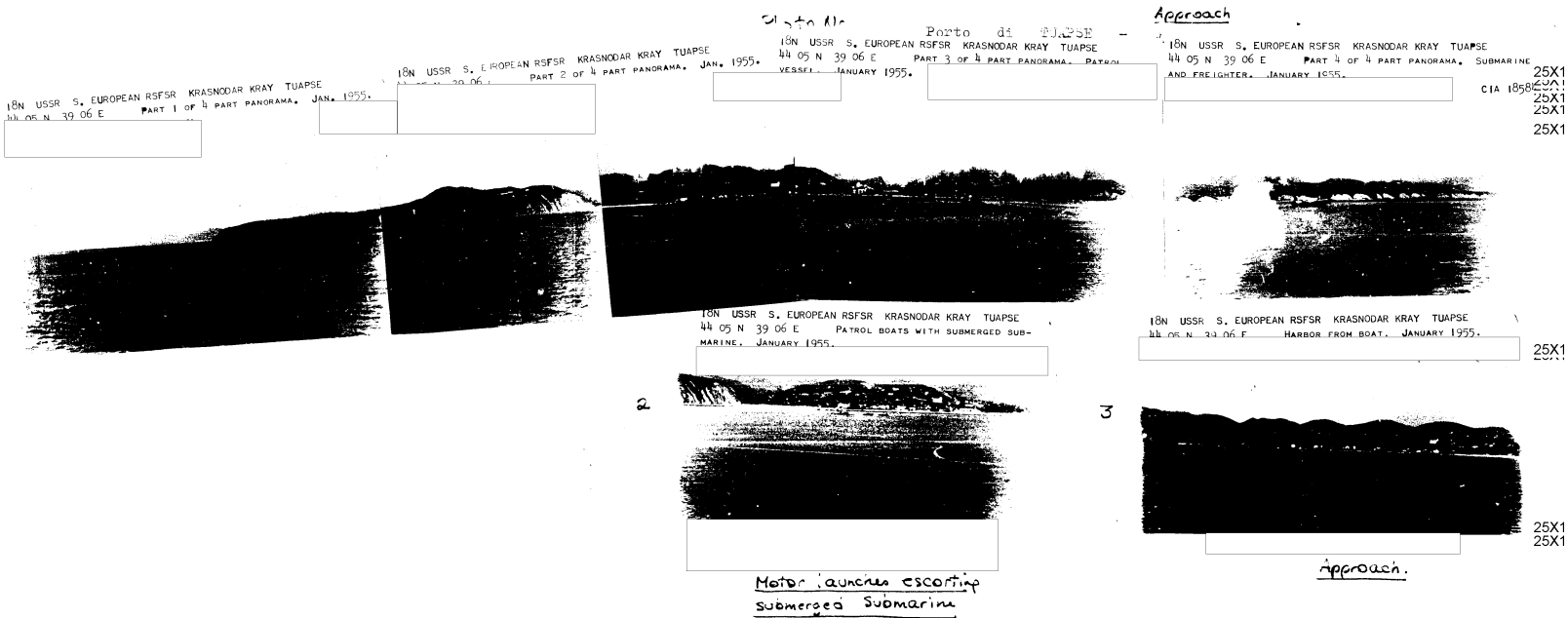
T-301-Class coastal minesweeper near Poti. (See attached photo No. 8.)

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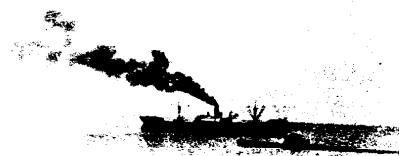
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